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End of the line for luxury cruiser

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The luxury cruise liner Gripsholm berths at Avonmouth tomorrow afternoon with serious doubts about her future.

She is one of thre cliners which the Swedish American line say will be laid up and sold.

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The problem is that inflation has hit the rich — even rich Americans — and the bottom is dropping out of the luxury cruise market.

The other liners on the asualty list are the Kungsholm, a regular visitor to Bristol every year, and the Linblad Explorer.

A spokesman for Travel Lloyd said: "Basically these ships are now just too expensive to operate.

"Inflation has taken its toll and rising costs of fuel, food, drink and labour have made them very costly operations.

"All three are scheduled to be laid up and sold."

The Gripsholm, 22,275 tons, will be one of the largest ships to berth at Avonmouth.

She will arrive with 331 passengers, about two-thirds the ship's total capacity, each paying from £1,000 upwards for their fare.

She leaves on Friday to continue a round-Britain cruise during which she will visit 11 ports before returning to New York.

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